- 1 A No.
- 3 other than Pete Fay who are presently police officers
- 4 with the Harrington Park Police Department?
- 5 A No.
- 6 Q Have you ever discussed Mark Van in
- 7 any way, shape or form with Pete Fay?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q When do you recall first discussing
- 10 Mark Van with Pete Fay?
- 11 A It must have been after his appointment to
- 12 Harrington Park. It had to be after his appointment
- 13 to Harrington Park and prior to the day in question.
- 14 I cannot remember exactly when it was.
- Q So is it fair to say that Peter Fay in
- 16 some fashion advised you or you became aware from Pete
- 17 Fay that Mark Van was an employee of the Harrington
- 18 Park Police Department?
- 19 A It came out in conversation, yes.
- Q And do you recall the context of the
- 21 conversation?
- 22 A Somewhat.
- Q What was the context of the
- 24 conversation?
- 25 A We had called each other for personal reasons

- and in the midst of that conversation he said to my, 1
- he goes, by the way, do you know a Mark Van that 2
- worked for Haledon Police Department? I said I know 3
- Mark Van. I said he worked here. He said no, he 4
- worked in Haledon. I said he worked here. I said he 5
- resigned prior to my being employed here and then he 6
- went to Haledone in order to keep his PTC 7
- certification and worked there as a Class Two 8
- Special. He says are you sure? I said I'm positive, 9
- he worked here. I said I think he worked here up 10
- until the end of 2000. He goes do you know what he 11
- resigned for? I said no, I really don't recall. 12
- said there was about four or five police officers that 13
- resigned at that time, as well, I said, but it was all 14 15
- over the papers.
- 16 So he actually -- Pete Fay raised to 17
- you the issue do you know this guy Mark Van?
- 18 A Yes, because he had applied to Harrington
- 19 Park, stated that he had worked for Haledon which
- 20 is -- I don't know if you know, it's a neighboring 21
- town so he would assume that a small department like 22
- North Haledon would know other police officers from 23
- Haledon.
- 24 Q Did he say anything to you in regards 25
- to what he thought of Mark Van?

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- 12 conversation with the Chief?
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- 15 person with the Chief?
- 16 A Yes.
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- 18 A In his office. His office is adjacent to
- 19 mine.
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- worked for North Haledon, Pete Fay seemed surprised? 22
- Yes.
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- Did you ever work in any other police department, other than Harrington Park Police Department?
 - Yes. A.
- What other police departments have Q. you worked in?
 - New York City Police Department. A.
- Which department in New York City? Q. Which precinct?
 - 34th. It's in Manhattan North.
- What years did you work for the New Q. York City 34th Precinct?
- From December '97 until late July '99.
- Where did you live during that time frame, when you were in the New York City precinct?
- In Tappan, New York and in Pearl River, New York.
- Did you ever hear of a police officer Q. by the name of officer James Lanari?
 - Don't know him, sir. No.
- I didn't ask you if you know him. Did you ever hear the name?
 - I've heard the name. Yes.
 - When did you first hear the name? Q.
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- This morning.
- So before this morning, you had never O. heard that name before?
 - A. No. sir.

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- Q. You had said that you worked in the New York City Police Department until December 1999. Did you ever work in the Dumont Police Department?
- No, sir. I said I left the New York City Police Department in July '99.
 - I am sorry. July '99.

Did you ever work in the Dumont

Police Department?

- Yes, sir. A.
- Q. When did you work there?
- I was a dispatcher from January '97 A. until December '97.
- Where did you live during that time frame, when you were a dispatcher in Dumont?
- At my parents' house in Harrington Park, New Jersey.
 - Have you ever lived in Dumont? Q.
 - A. Yes, sir.
 - Q. When did you live in Dumont?
- A. I lived in Dumont from August of 1999 until July of 2003.

- What was your address in Dumont? Q.
- 2 A. 69 Washington Avenue, second floor.

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- O. Who did you live there with?
- My girlfriend who is now my wife. A.
- Did you know, when you work at Q.
- Dumont, an officer by the name of John Centrello?
 - Yes, sir. A.
- O. Who was he, to your knowledge, at
- 9 that time, when you worked there?
 - He was a patrol officer.
- After you left -- again, excuse me. 11
- You left -- when did you leave Dumont as a 12
- 13 dispatcher?
 - A. December '97.
- 15 Q. After December of 1997, did you stay in touch with John Centrello in any fashion? 16
 - No, sir.
 - O. Have you ever had any conversations
- 19 with John Centrello since you left as a police
- 20 officer in 1997?
- 21 I saw him at Chief Affrunti's A.
- 22 retirement dinner in Hackensack and I don't recall
- 23 the year. That was the last time I saw him.
- 24 You went to Chief Ferrante's
- 25 retirement dinner?
- A. Affrunti. Chief Affrunti of Dumont
- 2 Police. Sorry. Sorry.
 - When was that? Q.
- 4 I don't recall. A.
 - Q. You saw Officer Centrello there?
- 6 A.
- Other than that -- seeing him there, 7 Q.
- did you talk to him there?
- 9 A. I talked to him? Yes.
- 10 Q. Approximately how many people were at
- 11 that retirement dinner?
- I don't recall. Maybe -- if I had to 12 A.
- 13 guess, 50 to 100.
- 14 Were there -- was that a sit down Q.
- 15 dinner?
- 16 No, sir. It was informal at a bar A.
- 17 here in Hackensack.
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- Q. What bar? 19
 - A. I don't recall.
- 20 You do recall talking to Centrello at Q. 21 that dinner?
- 22 A. I may have. I'm -- probably. Yeah.
- 23 You say you don't recall when that Q.
- 24 dinner was?
- 25 A. No.

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- I am trying to get a general sense. O. Prior to this time in 2006, how often would you talk to David Parenta?
 - Few times a year. A.
 - Would it be once a month or --O.
 - Not that frequent --A.
 - -- once a week? Something like that? Q.
 - A. Not that frequently.
 - A few times a year? O.
 - Yeah. A.
- Do you recall, at any time, 0. discussing Mark Van with David Parenta?
 - A.
- When do you recall discussing Mark Q. Van with David Parenta?
- Just shortly after Mark came to our Borough just in conversation with him. I said hey, we hired someone from your town.
- Do you recall when Mark Van was hired in Harrington Park? Approximately.
 - 2004? 2000 -- some -- I'm not sure. A.
- Q. If I was to tell you that he was hired sometime or he started working sometime in the early part of November 2004, would that sound about right now?

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- Whatever the exact date may have been O. when he started, how long after that date, when he first started with Harrington Park, approximately, did you have the conversation with David Parenta about that we hired somebody from your town?
 - A. I don't recall.

A.

- When you had that conversation with David Parenta, you understood him to be a police officer in the Borough of North Haledon?
- I understand who to be a police A. officer?

Sounds about right.

- Strike that. When you had the conversation with David Parenta saying we hired a guy, where did you understand David Parenta was working?
 - A. In North Haledon.
- Q. Your conversation with him was what? If you can summarize it for me.
- Just that we hired a guy from North Haledon and that was about it.
- How did you know at that time that he had worked in North Haledon?
- A. That Mark had worked in North Haledon?

- Q. Yes.
- He used to call on the phone asking A.
- 3 for one of my colleagues, Officer Cantone. We used
- to answer our own phones which we don't do anymore.

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- 5 There's a switch. When we were in headquarters, we
- would throw the switch to headquarters so it
- 7 wouldn't ring in Closter so we would just pick up
- 8 the phone if we were there.
- 9 Q. Do you know when Mark Van worked for 10 North Haledon?
 - No. sir. A.
- Just so I understand, you are 12 O.
- testifying that you learned that Mark Van worked for
- North Haledon because when he -- when Mark Van used 14
- to work for North Haledon he used to call Harrington 15
- Park? 16
 - A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. Do you recall when that was, that you
- learned that these calls were coming from North 19
- Haledon?
- 21 Sometime between December '99 and A.
- 22 when Mark was hired.
- 23 If I was to tell you that Mark Van Q.
- 24 left the employ of North Haledon in the 2000
- calendar year, is it your testimony that you

Page 25 recalled Mark Van calling from North Haledon back

- 2 three or four years?
- 3 A. I recall that. I recall him calling.
- 4 Yes. 5

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- Q. So let me be clear --
- A. Sorry.
- -- when Mark Van first started
- 8 working for Harrington Park, you already knew that
- 9 he had worked for North Haledon. Am I correct?
 - A.
- 11 Q. Did you know under what circumstances 12
 - he left North Haledon?
 - A.
- 14 Explain to me this phone system. How 15 did you become aware that calls were coming from
- North Haledon? 16
- 17 I used to answer the phone when I was 18 in headquarters and the administration -- I'm sorry.
 - Go ahead.
- 20 The administrative line would ring
- 21 and I would answer it and Mark used to say this is
- Mark from North Haledon, Is Mike there? Yeah hold
- on a minute. We had a -- I knew him from
- 24 conversations on the phone. But, not personally.
 - We had never met. On the caller ID, you know, you

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- 3 the other if he said what his thoughts were about Mark
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Page 26 years. The court case you're saying? 1 2 Q Right. Probably a couple years later, I 3 A heard he was hired in Harrington Park. At that 4 5 time I never heard of Harrington Park, may sound I think it's a small town in Bergen 6 ignorant. 7 County, that's what I was told. 8 From whom did you hear he was 9 hired in Harrington Park? I don't remember. 10 A Would it have been a fellow 11 0 12 police officer that you work with? 13 Α Possibly. 14 And after you had heard that he worked in Harrington Park, do you know under 15 16 strike that. 17 In what context, whoever it was 18 that told you that, was it a conversation going 19 on or something? 20 A I believe it was -- did you hear, 21 did you hear Mark Van has a job in Harrington 22 Park? 23 Q What was your response? 24 A No, I did not. 25 Did you discuss it with anyone Q

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	1	after that information came to you?	NO 100 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
	2	A No, I did not.	
	3	Q Do you remember approximately	
	4	when that was, what year that would have been?	
	5	A If I was to say approximately,	
	6	maybe 2003-ish. I can't say a month, time of	
	7	year or anything. I really don't know.	
	8	Q So other than that conversation	
	9	with whoever it was that may have communicated to	
	10	you that Mark Van was working in Harrington Park,	
	11	when is the next time you ever heard anything	
	12	about Mark Van?	
	13	A The next time was when a friend	
8 353	14	of mine made a phone call to me and said that	
	15	Mark Van was in an altercation in New York City.	
	16	Q Now, we'll get to that in a	
;	17	second. Going back to my earlier question, when	
1	L 8	you had heard that Mark Van was working for	
1	. 9	Harrington Park, how long after that did you	
2	20	receive this phone call from a friend of yours	
2	1	regarding Mark Van in New York City?	
2	2	A I don't recall.	
2	3	Q I mean, was it in a close time	
2	4	frame as you recall?	
2	5	A Within a year, I believe.	
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- what Mr. Lanari had stated to me at the gym, that 1
- officers had gotten in trouble due to lying on a 2
- police report and he said something about a chase or 3
- attempting to stop a vehicle and that's all I can 4
- remember about the conversation.
- Do you recall if Mark Rowe, during 5 6
- that conversation, ever told you anything about
- issuing a ticket -- that he had issued a traffic 7 8
- ticket to Mark --9
- He never said that to me. Α.
- You specifically recall him talking 10
- about him working for other police agencies and 11 12
- having some other type of problems? 13
- That's correct. A. 14
- When you spoke to Mark Rowe, did he
- know that Mark Van was working at Harrington Park? 15 16
 - No. A .
- You told him he was working at 17 0. 18
- Harrington Park --19
- Yes. Α. 20
- After that conversation -- do you 21
- recall how long that conversation occurred? 22
- How long of a time I spoke with him 23
- during that? 24
- Yes. Q. 25

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